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### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

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Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant(s) hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08 and a full copy of each of the documents required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) accompany this statement.

Applicant(s) have become aware of the following documents, cited in a European Search Report issued June 30, 2009, during the prosecution of European Application No. 04 81 5497, which corresponds to the above referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submit(s) these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form SB/08, and a copy of the European Search Report and of each document required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) cited thereon are enclosed as well.

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